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HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

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 Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 7.30 A.M.
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JOINT SERVICE OF THE H. K. C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

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S.S. "SAINAM,"588 tons.....Captain J. Wilcox.
 " "NANNING,"569 "....." C. Butchart.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

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HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.,
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 Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 5th November, 1906.

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REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE
BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

Steamer.	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJIMAHU	JAPAN	Second half December	JAVA PORTS	Second half December
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TJIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half January	JAVA PORTS	Second half January
TJIBODAS	JAVA	Second half January	JAPAN	Second half January
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	First half February	JAVA PORTS	First half February

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands India Ports on through Bills of Lading.

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OF THE

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 Hongkong, 17th December, 1906.

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1906.

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 THE LATEST METHOD
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 AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.
 37, DES VUOIS ROAD CENTRAL.
 From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
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 PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO
 LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND
 SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
 Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers
 and luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 2nd January, 1907.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 16th January.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 30th January.
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY, 13th February.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 27th February.
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 13th March.
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY, 27th March.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 10th April.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 24th April.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 8th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1907, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, Captain E. Malchow, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 31st December, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 1st January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 1st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$1.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardsesses. Linen can be washed on board. Passage Money payable in local currency at current sight Bank rate of exchange on the day of payment.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG.

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA & GIBRALTAR	£61. 0. 0.	£42. 0. 0.	£27. 0. 0.
Return	91. 0. 0.	63. 0. 0.	33. 0. 0.
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN and HAMBURG	65. 0. 0.	44. 0. 0.	24. 0. 0.
Return	97. 0. 0.	66. 0. 0.	36. 0. 0.
* TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ:			
VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR	64. 0. 0.	44. 0. 0.	26. 0. 0.
Return	115. 0. 0.	79. 0. 0.	47. 0. 0.
VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON	68. 0. 0.	46. 0. 0.	27. 0. 0.
Return	123. 0. 0.	83. 0. 0.	49. 0. 0.

* In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland THE SAME RATES TO BE APPLIED AS VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from SINGAPORE TO CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is however not included.

Interruption of the Voyage in Egypt:

Passengers to Europe and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from Alexandria to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA LINE
VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH-WILHELMSHAFEN, HERBERTSHOFHE, MATUPI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to alteration.)

STEAMERS.	TO.	SAILING DATES.
SANDAKAN	FRIDAY, 4th January, 1907.
MANILA	FRIDAY, 1st February.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	THURSDAY, 28th February.

ON FRIDAY, the 4th day of January, 1907, at Noon, the Steamship SANDAKAN, Captain Wendig, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this port as above. The steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardsess. Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO MANILA	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
TO NEW GUINEA	£28. 0. 0.	£18. 10. 0.	£14. 0. 0.
TO BRISBANE	£32. 0. 0.	£20. 0. 0.	£14. 0. 0.
TO SYDNEY	£31. 0. 0.	£21. 0. 0.	£15. 0. 0.
TO MELBOURNE	£34. 10. 0.	£24. 10. 0.	£16. 0. 0.
TO YOKOHAMA	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$40.00
TO KOBE	\$95.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
TO YOKOHAMA & back from KOBE to HONGKONG	\$140.00	\$100.00	

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class
TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND COLOMBO by Imperial Mail Steamer	£97. 0. 0.
TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA	90. 0. 0.
From Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C. P. R. Co.'s steamers, or via San Francisco by the O. S. S. Co.'s Steamers, and from New York to Europe by the magnificent express steamers of N. D. L.	

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EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	ABOUT
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Jan.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY, 16th Jan.

TRANSPACIFIC THROUGH-TICKETS FROM HONGKONG.
 VIA VANCOUVER OR SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK by the C. P. R. Co.'s steamers, P. M. S. S. Co., O. S. S. Co., T. K. K. and from NEW YORK TO EUROPE by the magnificent Express steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following rates:

	1st Class
TO LONDON VIA FLYMOOTH OR SOUTHAMPTON	£65. 0. 0.
TO BREMEN	65. 10. 0.
TO PARIS VIA CHERBOURG	65. 0. 0.
TO NAPLES, GENOA VIA GIBRALTAR	65. 0. 0.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1906.

Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft. Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

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Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 80.5 ft.; bottom 45.6 ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time to pump out, 3 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

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Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. B. O. 4th and 5th Ed.

Llobers, Scotts, A. 1, and Watkins.

Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

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XMAS! 1906! XMAS!

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 FRENCH, ENGLISH AND SWISS
 CHOCOLATES AND BON-BONS.

Liqueurs of the most renowned French Brands.

CHAMPAGNES, BURGUNDIES AND
 CLARETS
 OF THE CHOICEST VINTAGES.

Before making your purchases you should inspect
 our stock.

A. CHAZALON & CO.,

69, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1906.

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D. NOMA, TATTOOER,

60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE Public are informed that my Parlours are open from 9 A.M. all day. My 32 years' experience in TATTOOING is a guarantee of good work and prompt execution. My Colours are absolutely fast and perfectly harmless, and produce a charming effect not attained by any other, as their composition is only known to me. H. R. H. The Duke of York, and H. I. H. The Emperor of Russia, both honoured me with their patronage, besides many others of High Rank. Prices Moderate and satisfaction guaranteed as attested by 3,700 Recommendations which I have received from all sources.
 Hongkong, 16th November, 1904.

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1906.

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KWONG SANG & Co.,

No. 70, WELLINGTON STREET.

GENERAL DRAPERS, MANUFACTURERS and DEALERS in Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Silk, Pongee, Grass-cloth, Fancy and Piece Goods, &c.
 Latest style of Ladies' Blouses and Gentlemen's Shirts made to order.
 Tailor Order Solicited.
 Hongkong, 1st February, 1906.

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NIKKO CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS,

in all kinds of

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS, TEA

SETS, and SATSUMA WARE.

At Moderate Prices.

Orders Promptly Executed.

No. 5, ARSENAL STREET,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1906.

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TUBORG BEER.

FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER

guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,

and all other Chemicals.

PRICE: 1/6 per case of 48 bottles (quint)

or 6 doz. pints. Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 17th January 1906.

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Hotels.

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PRINCE'S GAP, the PRINCE, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 58.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1906.

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OCCIDENTAL HOTEL.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

MODERATE PRICES.

ELECTRIC FANS

TO ORDER IN

EVERY ROOM.

EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.

ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1906.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA-ROOM.

PRIVATE BAR and BILLIARD-ROOM.

HOT and COLD WATER throughout.

ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED, ELECTRIC FANS

(if required).

ELECTRIC PASSENGER ELEVATOR to each

floor.

Table D'Hôte at separate tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1905.

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Intimation.

Powell's

GRAND

XMAS BAZAAR

OPEN TILL 8 P.M. DAILY.

TOYS
INNUMERABLE
From 20 cents to \$50 each.

Tea Sets, Kitchen Sets, Pianos, Doll's Houses, Doll's Furniture, Doll's Perambulators, Soldiers, Footballs, Air Guns, Trumpets, Boats, Trains, Carts, Swings, Noah's Arks, Cricket Sets, Rooking Horses, Hobby Horses, &c., &c.

DOLLS
From 50 cents to \$30 each.

Dressed Dolls, Undressed Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Woollen Dolls, Saucy Dolls, Walking Dolls, Squeaking Dolls, Rag Dolls, and all sorts of Dolls.

ANIMALS
A Regular "Menagerie."

BARNUM and BAILEY are nowhere in it.

Elephants, Camels, Lions, Tigers, Leopards, Bears, Rhinoceri, Wolves, Foxes, Cows, Pigs, Sheep, Goats, Monkeys, Gorillas, Squirrels, Cats, Pug Dogs, Setters, Pointers, Greyhounds, Bloodhounds, Short Dogs, Long Dogs, Big Dogs, Little Dogs.

GAMES

Fip-Fip, Spring Heeled Jack, Plucked Roosters, Fussy Wussy, Minnows-in-Wells, Piggeries, Tivoli Board, Frog Skittles, Hooker, &c., &c., &c.

Many of which are enough to make a CAT LAUGH.

Thousands of
XMAS TREE
ORNAMENTS.
&c., &c., &c.

POWELL'S
BAZAAR
Hongkong, 15th December, 1906. [10]

To Let.
TO LET.

No. 8, D'AGUILAR STREET, suitable for SHOP AND DWELLING HOUSE, at present occupied by Messrs. K. A. J. CHOTIRMALL & CO., who will shortly remove to No. 64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to—
K. A. J. CHOTIRMALL & CO.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1906. [53]

TO LET.

No. 11, WEST END TERRACE, Shameen, Canton.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1906. [1183]

TO LET.

"RANFURLY," CONDUIT ROAD. OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING. GODOWNS ON PRAVA EAST. A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road. A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE. A HOUSE in WONG-MEI-CHUNG ROAD. FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1906. [72]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1906. [789]

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NOS. 8 and 16, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD, No. 51, WONG-MEI-CHUNG ROAD.

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HONGKONG & KOWLOON LAND & LOAN CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 7th November, 1906. [1073]

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A FLAT and THREE ROOMS, near the Hongkong Bank, suitable for Office. Moderate rental.

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X. Y. Z.
C/o. Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1906. [1013]

TO LET.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE on PRAVA EAST, near East Point.

Apply to—
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1906. [1142]

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ONE GODOWN, at EAST POINT, close to the Water, suitable for the storage of any Cargo.

Floor Area 6,100 square feet.

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Hongkong, 15th October, 1906. [1009]

TO LET.

EUROPEAN SHOPS, OFFICES, and GODOWNS (suitable for Dry Goods Storage) at No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central, (formerly occupied by Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co.)

Apply to—
HO TUNG,
Comptroller Department,
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1906. [1049]

"WHEN IN DOUBT, OPERATE."
EVIL RESULT OF TOO READILY RESORTING TO THE KNIFE.

A somewhat eerie feeling is created in one by a lecture delivered by Mr. Basil Hall, the honorary surgeon of the Bradford Royal Infirmary, and reproduced in the *British Medical Journal*.

Mr. Hall frankly states that there is a decided tendency to under-estimate the evil consequences of being too ready to resort to surgical operations. Hasty operations he attributes to two different impulses. On the one hand, there is the time surgeon, who argues that it is "better to be on the safe side," and that the consequences of unnecessary operation are as nothing compared with the possible dangers of delay.

"When in doubt, operate" is the modern surgical axiom, according to Mr. Hall.

On the other hand, proceeds the lecturer to the surgeon of large experience, resort to operation comes easier, especially in hospital practice. "Probably he has arrived at that state of his career when he has little opportunity to study ultimate results, and consequently he only infrequently realises that immediate success has been obtained at the cost of more or less permanent disability."

One of the worst effects of this hasty resort to operation, says Mr. Hall, is the tendency to neglect clinical observation and shirk accurate diagnosis.

A change has come over the house-surgeon in hospitals in recent years. His interest is centred almost entirely upon major operative surgery. But, give him a non-operative case, where careful observation and close attention are required, and he not uncommonly proves a failure.

He considers that crushed fingers are better "lopped off" to use his own phrase. He has forgotten the old axiom that "amputation is the reproach of surgery."

THE EUROPEAN SUGAR CROP AND THE SUGAR MARKET.

According to the most recent estimates this year's crop in the principal sugar producing countries of Europe comes little behind the rich yield of the previous year. It is expected to reach a total of 6,570,000 tons for the present year against 6,910,000 in 1905-6. Only in France is there any likelihood of a falling off exceeding 20 per cent. In the other European countries, except in Russia, prospects are nearly as good as they were last year. For Russia alone it is assumed that the increase of production will be about 30 per cent. On the whole, Europe will supply about half of the entire production of cane and beet sugar used by the world, whilst in the previous year the share amounted to about 55 per cent. of the total crop.

The fluctuations in the sugar market have been very irregular of late, but they kept within narrower bounds than was the case last year, when the daring Paris speculations at the beginning ran up prices to an abnormal height, whilst after the slump prices sank to their lowest point at the beginning of the year 1906. The rushing up of prices, which occurred recently, was more in connection with the disturbances in Cuba which have just come to an end. The fluctuation of the European market corresponded with the continuously varying reports as to revolutionary complications and the prospects of peace coming from the island, which the American sugar and tobacco trust has been trying hard to secure.

In this matter the importance of the sugar production in Cuba was highly overrated. The output of 1,000,000 tons for Cuba, which is considerably in advance of that for last year, even if it were thrown entirely on the American market, could not seriously force down any further the prices, which are already low, for this "unexampled" crop on the part of the old and famous island only amounts to 10 per cent. of the entire production of the world. Besides, against the danger of a glut in the markets of the world stand the increase in the material prosperity of the manufacturing nations and the consequent increased power of consumption on the part of the working classes. In periods when wages are good, and of this article of luxury, and in view of the highly nutritious property of sugar this is highly satisfactory from a hygienic standpoint and also, along with the present low price, a distinct gain economically. The experience of the past months goes to show that unusually large amounts regularly disappear from the markets and are being consumed. The visible stocks of sugar are, in spite of the good crops, comparatively small.

The political situation in America and Europe, which commenced on the economic significance of the political crisis in Cuba, accepted as true many fantastic prophecies, in reality, if the belief in an unexampled increase in the output of Cuba was certainly exaggerated. An advance from 1,181,870 tons of two years ago to 1,300,000 in this "record" year is scarcely overwhelming. The political economists, however, estimated that at present the sugar plants cover an area of 300,000 hectares in this island. Since the whole island has an area of 12 million hectares, Cuba could, if it were annexed by the United States and could get its sugar duty free to the 80 millions of America's reserve four times the area at present under cultivation for sugar and produce from five to six million tons, that is half the entire amount now produced in the world. Over and against this theoretical calculation, however, stands the fact that this forcing of sugar cultivation in Cuba would not pay. For such an enterprise labour is too dear, and the rate of interest too high apart from the further and inevitable eventualities in the price of sugar itself. The cultivation of tobacco would, in any case, be more profitable than that of sugar. Besides, there are the dangerous cyclones, such as those which have just visited this fruitful island, and which are so destructive for the sugar plantations. However dangerous Cuban competition might be for the cane sugar producers in Louisiana, Porto Rico, and Hawaii, and also American beetroot sugar producers, in the event of the island being included in the tariff area of the United States, it will not affect the European sugar market any more, in the future than in the past. This is already prevented by the sharp competition of European sugar producers, which does not permit of a continuous and exaggerated price of sugar in the world's market.

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW, the 22nd DECEMBER, 1906, at 2 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE ART CURIOS AND SILK EMBROIDERIES, COMPRISING— HANDSOMELY CARVED IVORY GROUPS AND FIGURES, SILVER-MOUNTED BRONZE VASES, BEAUTIFUL BRASS GOODS, FINE SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS, CUSHION AND TABLE COVERS, KAKEMONOS, CUT VELVET PICTURES, MAKUZU and IMARI VASES, INCENSE BURNERS, BOWLS, WALL PLATES, GOLD AND SILVER CLOISONNE VASES, TEA POTS, a Fine Tetsu-Tetsu SET, KAGA TEA SERVICES, PANELS, WATER COLOURS, &c., &c.

On view on Thursday, 20th December. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1906. [1209]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
ON A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF CHINESE PORCELAIN. A FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLECTORS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON Saturday, the 29th DECEMBER, 1906, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, A Very Fine and Valuable Collection of RARE OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN, specially selected, embracing works from the reigns of the Ming Dynasty, Kanghi, Yong-ching, Kienlung, Kahing and Tow Kwang; ALSO A Choice Lot of OLD JADES, CRYSTALS, AGATES and EMBROIDERIES; N.B.—All pieces described in the Catalogue as belonging to certain periods are guaranteed to be GENUINE.

TERMS—As usual. Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Thursday, the 27th December, 1906.

GEO. P. AMMERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1906. [1220]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW, the 22nd DECEMBER, 1906, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, corner of Ice House Street, A LARGE QUANTITY OF ENGLISH-MADE JEWELRY, COMPRISING— DIAMOND RINGS, GOLD NECK CHAINS, PEARL BROOCHES, P.S. SILVER-MOUNTED JEWEL CASES, RINGS, BANGS, GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, HALL-MARKED GOLD ALBERTS, PEARL and ENAMEL OPERA GLASSES, LADY'S CHATELAIN'S and CARRIAGE CLOCKS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1906. [1211]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.
The letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of December, 1906, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Hung Hom, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 99 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1906.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1906.

BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR STERLING PAID EMPLOYEES.

When the upward tendency in the value of silver began last year it was generally believed that the enhancement was of merely momentary interest and that the market would soon return to its normal level. The increase has been steadily proceeding, however, and there is no indication that it has reached its highest point. Indeed, the signs are all the other way and competent authorities are quite convinced that the white metal will spring several points to the better within the next few weeks. On account of the difficulties of the situation operators in bullion are not at all anxious to interfere with a market which is exhibiting abnormal features. There is a steady demand for silver in America both by the Government for coinage purposes and by private individuals for commercial requirements. As an evidence of the opinion held by competent authorities in the United States the views of Mr. G. W. Roberts, one of the directors of the U. S. Mint may be quoted. In an interview Mr. Roberts said: "Silver is going to reach a price of 76 cents or better within two years, and it is going to hold that price. I believe that hundreds of silver mines throughout the West which have been shut down for more than ten years because of the fall in price will be opened again within a year, simply because the price of the metal will make it worth while. And, further, let me state, this is no speculative or boom market. The price of 71 cents to-day will be better next month, and it will steadily add naturally advance a point at a time until a high market, possibly near 80 cents, will be reached." Starting from the premise that the enhanced value of silver will lead to the

reopening of the mines in the Western States, Mr. Roberts hardly reaches a logical conclusion if he believes that silver will then remain steady or even stand at the same rate as it stands to-day. With an ample supply of the metal flowing from the numberless lodes in America and in Mexico it is incredible that the advanced value of silver should become a stationary quotation. Many years have passed since the mines were closed down as unprofitable ventures and to reopen them now means the expenditure of a vast amount of money and labour, and certainly could not be accomplished for months to come. The statement by Mr. Roberts with regard to the mines was made at Denver, in the centre of the silver belt, where people think in silver ingots and talk of nothing but silver. It may, therefore, be that he was willing to pander to a pardonable falling, and to bolster up the theories enunciated by the redoubtable W. G. Bryan. However that may be, we have the obvious fact that silver is still on the upward grade and there is nothing to show that it will recede for some time to come. Those who are adversely affected by the advance may not derive much consolation from this state of affairs, especially when it is shown that while silver is rising gold is falling, bringing in its train, as a writer has asserted, the decline which has long been apparent in the value of consols. In New York dealers in silverware have advanced their catalogue prices 10 per cent, and the rehabilitated metal is experiencing an unusual amount of attention in Europe. Looking at the matter from a local standpoint the enhanced dollar has not brought increased advantages to those who are in receipt of the local currency, while it has worked havoc with the sterling paid men. To the ordinary mind it would seem natural that in consequence of the inflated value of the dollar the cost of goods would be reduced. On the contrary, prices for nearly all commodities and certainly for everything in the nature of Christmas luxuries have remained at the same rate as they stood at last year and in several cases the prices have actually advanced. The cost of living is the same; there is no difference in the rents, although in many cases the landlords are in Europe reaping a reward to which they can lay no just claim; and, indeed, we are in exactly the same position to-day so far as the spending power of the dollar is concerned as we occupied this time last year. One is inclined to wonder if there would be any change in the position should the dollar rise to three shillings? Probably it would be difficult to secure a decrease in the price of articles of local production, owing to the difficulty of convincing the native labourer that a dollar has a fluctuating value and that eight this year are equal to the twelve they received a couple of years ago. But in the case of articles of foreign manufacture there is absolutely no reason why prices should remain at the old figures. Most of the better-class Chinese and nearly all Europeans deal extensively in foreign products which presumably have been purchased at the present rate of exchange; few will assert that they find much difference in their monthly accounts. Here and there, foreign establishments have announced reductions but they are in the minority. The fact that the best hotels have reduced the prices of their liquid refreshments by over 16 per cent. is tantamount to a confession that they were abashed at the immense profits they were gaining at the expense of the public. If, then, merchants were able to sell their goods three or four years ago at a certain rate and continue to sell similar goods to-day at the same rate what must their profits be like? It is unfortunate that there are no associations composed of those engaged in separate callings in Hongkong as there are at home, where matters affecting the various trades can be discussed and regulated and prices lowered or raised by general agreement. Then there might be something like unanimity among dealers, but as it is we have to accept individual opinions which seldom verge in favour of the consumer. The rising dollar may be a blessing to those who remit large sums of money to Europe; it may not affect to any extent those who, like the majority of people, are paid in the currency of the country and spend every cent they earn; but it most certainly does seriously affect the unfortunate goldie. Taking it all in all the generality of people whether paid in silver or in sterling would prefer to see the dollar at a fixed rate, or at least silver at something like a stationary value, than to endure the perturbation induced by the present fluctuating dollar.

CHINESE BLACKMAILERS.

One of the misfortunes of the rich is the lack of sympathy they receive at the hands of the public generally should they become the victims of some audacious swindler. The very fact that they have attained wealth as the result of their own exertions constitutes an offence in the eyes of the wretches and renders them the prey of those who would rather steal than work. Now and again, shadows of the inner life of the well-to-do Chinese are seen in cases which come before the Courts, but it is seldom, if ever, that one hears of the numerous instances of blackmailing which goes on con-

tinually. The plan of operations seems to have been evolved of recent years and is, indeed, founded on a principle which is indigenous to China. As related by those who have themselves been sufferers, the *modus operandi* is extremely simple and extremely effective. A Chinaman arrives in Hongkong from the interior of the neighbouring provinces, and in course of time comes in contact with those roving idlers who are to be found everywhere in the city. Naturally he is prepared to follow the advice of his astute friends who always seem to have money and yet never dream of working for it, as he had to do when living in his native village. A few questions judiciously put bring to light his clan to which the newcomer belongs and in a short time he is initiated into a society of rascals who live by their wits and from all accounts make a very good living at the game. When the "farmer" has given a precise and extensive account of his village, the headman there, the events which have occurred during the past few years, the history of the men who have left and are now living in luxury in Hongkong, when in fact he has been pumped dry of reminiscences, the gang to which he has become attached is ready to begin operations. An oily-tongued, long-coated scamp makes his way to the house of a Chinese gentleman and begs the loan of anything between \$100 and \$1,000 in order to tide over difficulties which are oppressing him for the moment. He represents that he is a clansman of the gentleman and is prepared to recite his career from his birth, also the antecedents of his proposed benefactor. The plausibility of the rascal may succeed in inducing the merchant to offer a fraction of the sum asked for, but on the other hand he may have heard the same story before, only with less verisimilitude, and refuse to part with his money. The stranger departs and the real character of the band to which he belongs becomes evident. The merchant or taipan or whatever he may be termed receives a note by hand informing him that unless he hands over a certain sum which is specified, and never errs on the side of moderation, his days are numbered. Should a reply be sent to the effect that he has not so much money at command he is abruptly told he can beg, borrow or steal it, but he must get it. And the merchant gets it somehow or another. It may be asked: Why is no attempt made to discover the whereabouts of the "miscreants"? The bearer of the note could be followed and the abode of the blackmailers surrounded by police. The fact seems to be that the wealthy Chinese are thoroughly cowed by the audacity of the scheme, and are quite convinced that if they fail to accede to the rapacious demands of these scoundrels they will be murdered by stealth. They do not even call in the aid of the police, for they argue that if one of the blackmailers happened to be caught the others would take speedy revenge. It seems impossible that such a state of things should exist in law-abiding Hongkong, but we speak by the book when we state that there is no hallucination about the matter. One could understand it in Canton or any Chinese-governed city, where the underlings of the officials and the officials themselves follow the "get-rich-quick" idea by plundering the mercantile class, but in a British trade centre it looks not merely absurd but absolutely ridiculous. Nevertheless, the police are well aware of the existence of these blackmailing gangs but they are powerless to interfere, for the victimised parties make no complaint regarding their losses. The blackmailer levies his toll and it is paid with far more promptitude than a European pays his taxes. A case occurred the other day which shows the straits to which respectable Chinese gentlemen may be put. The sheriff of a local office received the usual visit from a well-dressed stranger who spun a yarn about his relationship, referred to the distinction of being a clansman, gave finger-nail sketches of the old village, and wound up with the usual demand for money. He only wanted \$1,000. The sheriff protested that he had no ready cash and declined to adopt the philanthropic role. Thereafter, within two hours, a note was handed him by a boy, who remained for an answer. The note contained some dark threats of a speedy death unless the requirements of the writer were complied with. The sheriff, who is really a poor man, gathered together his savings of some \$300 and managed to get the remainder, about \$700, from his friends and relatives. Now he is in debt and likely to remain so for some considerable time unless he wins the Macao lottery or falls heir to the estate of some unknown relative. The spoliation of rich or reputedly rich Chinamen appears to be going on all the time, and the police are impotent. It is believed that there is a secret society at work, but nothing can be proved and nothing can be done until the despoiled themselves combine to rid the Colony of these scoundrels. That it can be done we are quite convinced; that it should be done is so obvious that it is needless to labour the point. The poorer, that these parasitical pests are hounded out of Hongkong the better will it be for the social and moral health of the Colony.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Ten German mail of the 21st November was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

A San Francisco message to the *Asahi* states that a mass meeting in San Francisco to protest against the Presidential message to Congress, promoted by the "Anti-Japanese Society," proved a failure, the attendance being very small.

FROM a circular which we have received we learn that it is proposed to establish a Higher Grade School for Girls at East Anglia, 74 Cairns Road. The school will be conducted by Mrs. Tuxford and an ambitious curriculum has been arranged. Owing to exigencies of space further reference to the scheme is impossible to-day.

ONE of the interesting functions which annually take place at St. Joseph's English College is the distribution of prizes to the scholars who have been successful during the year. The ceremony takes place at the College at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The Chief Justice Sir Francis Pigott will preside and it is anticipated that, as usual, there will be a large attendance of parents and friends interested in the pupils and the welfare of the institution.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. Scott Moncrieff and Officers, the Band of the 3rd Bati, "The Duke of Cambridge's Own" (Middlesex Regiment) will play the following programme of music, during dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, on Saturday, 22nd inst.:—
March, "Gladstone" Sousa
Valse, "Brune ou Blonde" Waldteufel
Selection, "The Belle of New York" Kerker
Song, "The Better Land" Rowell
Overture, "Tancrède" Rossini
American Sketch, "By the Swamp River" Myddleton
Recollections of Gounod Arr. Godfrey
Polka "Hannah" Kitchner
Regimental Marches.
God bless the Prince of Wales.
God Save the King.

"YOU'VE been living cheap," remarked his Honour the Puisne Judge to a defendant in the Summary Court this morning. "Why have you not paid this rent?" "I have not paid any rent since 1901." "Why not?" "Plaintiff told me he did not want me to pay rent, so I did not do so." Plaintiff's solicitor produced books to show that rent was paid in June last, but all their efforts to get any more were futile. "Then why don't you get rid of him?" "He won't go." "Then you might get a policeman to go along with you and turn him out. There will be judgment and costs for rent as claimed to date \$78.30, and you had better get rid of him—he's a very stupid old man, and an undesirable tenant."

BADINAGE BETWEEN LADIES.

SOME FEATURES OF LIFE AT WANCHAI.

The hearing was opened at the Police Court, this forenoon, of the summons case in which Mrs. Schmidt, of No. 25, Wong-nai-chong, proceeded against Miss Nibel Violet Goldtown, of No. 7, Wild Dell, for disorderly behaviour. Mr. H. J. Gardiner, of the office of Mr. O. D. Thomson, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring and Barlow, represented the defendant.

Mr. Gardiner gave particulars of the case briefly. He said that his client and the defendant were once friends. In July last that friendship broke over a quarrel about a Chinese cook, as defendant thought that complainant was trying to induce her cook to leave her service and join the complainant. Ever since that time complainant had received several letters and postcards which were alleged to be of an improper character. Although, he said, there were no signatures to the letters, yet they could be traced to the defendant as some of the "language" used in the letters was frequently uttered by the defendant. The letters he alleged were typewritten by a man at defendant's dictation. The first postcard that was received by the complainant had only one word, "Glory," written on it. The second read: "Trust you do well." Some of these postcards, he concluded, had to be destroyed by the post-office officials on account of the abominable language. He called the complainant to the witness-box.

Ada Schmidt, a widow, residing at No. 25, Wong-nai-chong Road, examined by Mr. Gardiner, declared that she had known the defendant for some time—about two years. In July last witness and the defendant had trouble over a cook. After the trouble she received a series of letters.

How did you know they came from the defendant, asked Mr. Gardiner.
Because of the wording.

Mr. Gardiner handed witness a typewritten letter and asked her to point out the "familiar" words, which she did.

Do you know if that officer (name mentioned) be a typewriter?
Yes, he has, and I recognise the letter as typewritten by him at defendant's instigation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Goldring: Witness said she knew the handwriting of the defendant—certainly, very well.

How did you fall out with the defendant over a cook?—asked Mr. Goldring.
She thought I wanted her cook, and I did not, replied complainant.

The P.W.D. officer was called and corroborated Mrs. Schmidt's story in part.

Do you ever go home drunk? asked Mr. Gardiner.
Sometimes. I can always find my way home anyway, he replied.
Have you a typewriter? Yes, I bought it—and it is an expensive one.
Can you typewrite?
I tried once—and broke the typewriter and then I chucked it. It was too expensive.
Did you want this case to come into Court?—I did not. Why?—For the sake of the children.

BANKRUPTCY.

"ROBBED PETER TO PAY PAUL."

Before his Honour the Chief Justice, presiding in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction this morning, the public examination of Lo Ming, managing partner of the Sun-tung firm, in the matter of the Sun Cheung firm, *ex parte* Lok Yu Nam, was conducted by Mr. J. E. Harston, of Messrs. Ewens and Harston, on behalf of the creditors. Lo Ming, declared, said the books produced showed the transactions of the firm. As regards the payments made to Shewan, Tomes and Company the book showed that on 30th January last he paid \$735 less the commission, on 21st February \$1,772.50, on 18th April two payments of \$1,000 odd and \$1,200 odd.

Mr. Harston: Are you aware that not one of the dates you have given us is correct?
Witness: Well, my books are properly chopped, as showing that the money was paid on those dates.

Mr. Harston: When was the last payment?
Witness: In August.

Mr. Harston: Then why did you tell us in your statement that you paid \$437.70 in September, the money, as you said, being received from the Kwong Fuk On in Macao?

Witness: What I said was that I borrowed the money in August to pay Shewan, Tomes and when I got the money from Macao I repaid the loan.

Mr. Harston: Have you paid any money to your relations?
Witness: No.

Mr. Harston: What about the house you sold?
Witness: Only half of it was sold, and I had only a share in it.

Mr. Harston: Have you no other property in the country?
Witness: No, I sold all, even my railway shares.

Mr. Harston: What have you done with the money?
Witness: I have used it for the support of my children. I only received \$180.

Mr. Harston: How do you account for the fact that as your assets are only \$900 odd, and yet you owe Shewan, Tomes \$11,270?

Witness: Well, I had losses in business.
Mr. Harston: How do you account for the fact that when you were bankrupt you ordered more goods?

Witness: When I received money I paid off my business debts.
His Honour: Then you bought these goods to sell and pay other debts?

Witness: I sold them and paid debts.
Mr. Harston: Do you consider that honest?
Witness: Well it was my usual practice when pressed to pay debts. (Laughter).

Mr. Harston: You are candid at any rate about it. Did Shewan, Tomes know you were insolvent when you ordered the goods?

Witness: No, they did not know.
Mr. Harston: Then don't you think that it was a very disgraceful proceeding?

Witness: Yes, it was, no doubt, a disgraceful proceeding, but what could I do? If I did not pay my debts my name would be disgraced before the public.

His Honour: Did you buy goods from others to pay Shewan, Tomes?

Witness: No.
Mr. Harston: What did you do with the proceeds of the sale of Shewan, Tomes' goods? Give us facts, not fairy tales.

Witness: I paid off business losses. The books were then produced and witness proceeded to read out his payments, but said he was not at liberty to mention the names of the people to whom he sold the goods.

Mr. Harston: Why not?
Witness: They are not entered in the book, only the amount.

Mr. Harston: Then how can you expect to do a successful business if you give credit and make no mention of your debtors' names in the transactions in your books?

Witness: If I did not have to do a credit business I might have been a rich man long ago.

Mr. Harston: That has nothing to do with the matter—why are not your debtors' names entered?

Witness: I did not sell the goods: my *jobs* did that and made the entries.
Mr. Harston: Have you no single entry of buyers' names?

Witness: No.
Mr. Harston: Then how do you know who owes you money?
Witness: My *jobs* will know.

Mr. Harston: To go back a bit, you said last time that Messrs. Shewan, Tomes knew you were bankrupt, and yet pressed you to purchase the goods. Now, do you seriously desire to have us believe that?

Witness: Well, I don't know if they knew I was bankrupt or not.
Mr. Harston: But just now you told us that they did not know.
Witness: I don't know.
Mr. Harston: That's all, my Lord.
His Honour: Then we may say the public examination closed.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

A ROBBER SENTENCED TO TWO WEEKS' STOCKS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 20th December.
Yesterday Hung A-choung was brought for trial of larceny on the Shamoon, before the Namhoi Magistrate. Having formally admitted the charge, the Magistrate sentenced him to two weeks' stocks, at the West Bridge of the Shamoon, and afterwards to be confined for one year in the industrial institution in connection with the Namhoi Prison.

A NEWSPAPER'S DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. Yung Wai Pan and others forwarded a petition to H.E. Viceroy Chow praying that the native paper *Ah Chow Pao* and its editor, Chan Ting Yuen, who was arrested by the ex-Viceroy Shun about April last, be released. After considering the petition H.E. has given instructions to the Kwongchow Prefect to see to the case. It is believed that the editor will be released before long.

THE OPIUM HABIT.

The authorities here have received instructions from the Central Government at Peking ordering all Government employes to give up the opium smoking habit within six months' time.

COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE.

At 11 p.m. on the 18th instant a shop under the sign of Lee Cheung situated at Sai Shan Street in the Western suburb, suddenly collapsed. At the time there were five persons in the house and unfortunately one was instantaneously killed, whilst the other four are seriously injured.

GOOD SERVICES RAWA'D.

The present Provincial Judge Chu of Kwangtung has been decorated by the Emperor with the Order of the Red Button of the First Class, on the recommendation of the Governor of Hunan, for having done meritorious work in suppressing the robbers in Fing Sai District, whilst he held office in the province of Hunan. Yesterday the different officials called at his yamen to offer him their congratulations.

SERIOUS FIRE.

A fire occurred this afternoon at Shap-pai-po. At time of writing the fire has not yet been got under control.

A YOUTHFUL LITIGANT.

HAS NO RIGHT TO SUE.

A case was called before his Honour the Puisne Judge, presiding in Summary Jurisdiction this morning, in which when the plaintiff was called, a youth stepped forward and said he was the plaintiff.

His Honour: Are you a partner?
Witness: Yes.
His Honour: You are a very youthful partner. You look more like a shop boy.

Witness: The business was my late father's.
His Honour: When did he die?
Witness: A year and a half ago.

Have you taken out letters of administration?
—No.
Have you a mother?—Yes.
Has she taken out letters?—No.
Then you have no right to the business, and cannot sue for debts due to the firm.

The plaintiff's solicitor then asked for the case to be held over in order to consider the position and the remedy.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

OLD GAOL BIRD CAUGHT.

Kwan Wong is a cook. He is also well known to the police, having passed through nearly every police station in the Colony from Yau-mai to Shau-ki-wan. He has only ten previous convictions. The longest term he ever served in gaol was seven years for armed robbery. He was banished five years ago, and is in Hongkong again because his banishment term has expired. To keep up his record Kwan was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of highway robbery, which he committed in Des Voeux Road Central. The person robbed is a Singaporean, who arrived in Hongkong by the last steamer. He was walking along Des Voeux Road at about five o'clock yesterday afternoon when Kwan and four others tripped him up and when the man fell they held him down and robbed him of a purse containing \$4. The others escaped, but Kwan was caught. This morning he was placed before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, on a charge of robbery. Kwan admitted the charge, and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks. He will be banished again.

A COMMITTEE MEETING of the Hongkong Chess Club was held at Mr. Pollock's office, Bank Buildings, on Tuesday last. The following fixtures were arranged for the ensuing season:—Mr. Pollock's team v. Mr. Danenberg's team five a side—one game to decide no handicap. Correspondence match to be arranged with Shanghai, if possible. Knock-out tournament for the championship of the Club, best of three games—prize for \$1, payable in advance. The first prize is a cup to be presented by the Club and the second prize will be bought with the entrance fee. There will also be a knock-out tournament for those who do not enter for the championship tournament. Mr. J. H. Kemp has been appointed hon. secretary.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.
French (Salsola) 24th inst.
Australian (Chingai) 24th inst.
Indian (Ararat) 25th inst.
Indian (Lightning) 26th inst.
American (America) 31st inst.
Indian (Kutiang) 1st prox.

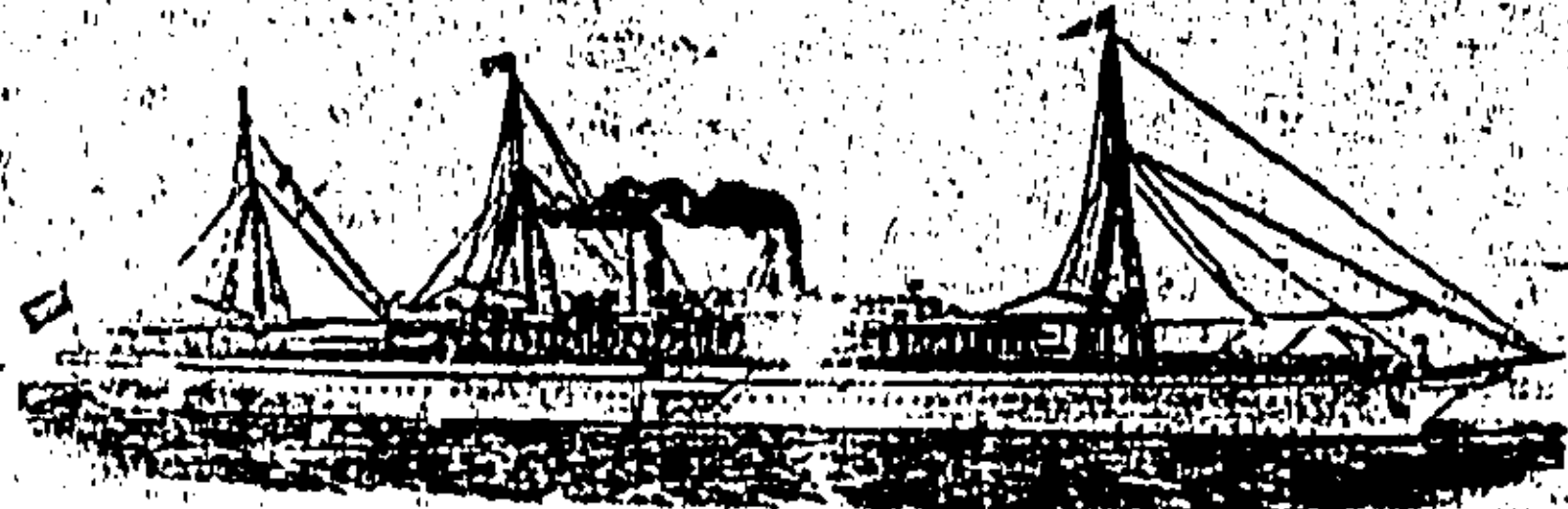
The s.s. *Lowther Castle* left New York on 16th ult., and is due here on 24th inst. The s.s. *Benbow* left Bandak on 16th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on 24th inst. a.m.

The Glen Line s.s. *Glenferry* left Singapore yesterday morning, and may be expected here on 26th inst.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Salasia*, with the next French mail, will leave Saigon on 25th inst. at 4 p.m., for this port.

The Aparca Co.'s s.s. *Luzon* from Calcutta left Singapore this a.m., and may be expected here on 26th inst.

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R.M.S.	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"TARTAR".....4,425		WEDNESDAY, January 9th.....February 2nd	
"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....6,000		THURSDAY, January 17th.....February 4th	
"MONTEAGLE".....6,165		WEDNESDAY, January 23rd.....February 16th	
"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....6,000		THURSDAY, February 14th.....March 4th	
"ATHENIAN".....3,882		WEDNESDAY, February 20th.....March 16th	
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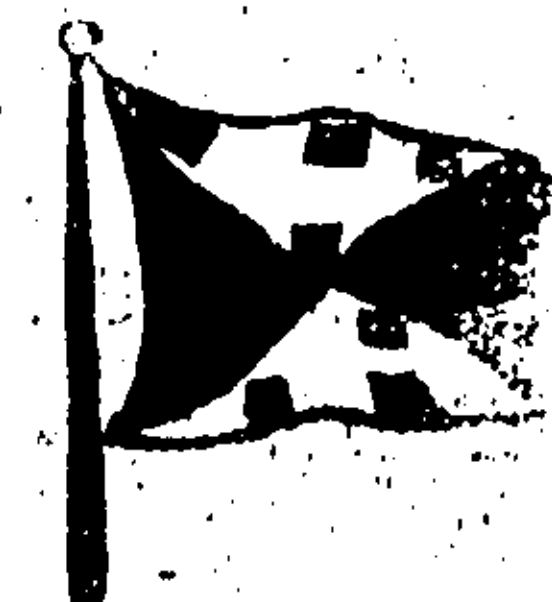
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MANILA	"TEAN".....	26th " "
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CHINGTU".....	28th " "
SHANGHAI	"SHAOSHING".....	29th " "
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK-TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA".....	5th January, "
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SILESIA.....22nd January.	C. FERD. LARSEN.....23rd December.
SCANDIA.....1st February.	ANDALUSIA.....24th January.
HAMBURG.....3rd March.	HOHENSTAUFEN.....11th January.
RHENANIA.....1st April.	AMBRIA.....15th January.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1906.	SPEZIA.....25th January.
	SILESIA.....5th February.
	For NEW YORK.
	VANDALIA.....5th January.
	NUBIA.....29th January.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1906.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain A. E. Genito, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO. LIMITED,
Agents,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1906.

Consignees.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SPEZIA,"

Captain Malchow, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Bills of Lading for counter signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1906.

"MOQUE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "SIKH," FROM GLASGOW, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd December will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

RODWEIL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1906.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SEYDLITZ,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before THURSDAY, the 20th of December, at 3 P.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th of December, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th of December, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th of January, 1907, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1906.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN,
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SANDAKAN,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before WEDNESDAY, the 20th of December, at 11 A.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 24th of December will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th of December, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 29th of December, 1906, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 22nd instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Godown Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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DAVID SASSOON & CO. LIMITED,
Agents,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1906.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENAVON," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1906.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 24th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent,

Hongkong, 18th December, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1906.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1906.

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1906.

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FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. "SATSUMA" 19th January, 1907.

For Freight and further information, apply
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1906.

COLLISION CASE.

"BABELBURG" "DAISAN INUJIMA-MARU"

The *open Chronicle* of 14th inst. says:—
Yesterday in the Kobe Chiba Salubroso before
Judge Anaki and two Associate Judges the
hearing was resumed of the action brought by
the Ostasiatische Handels-Gesellschaft, of Ham-
burg, the owners of the "Babelburg," against
the Yasuda Shoji Co. of Osaka, owners of the
"Daisan Inuima-maru" for damages amounting to
Y75,504.35. As will be remembered the "Babelburg" on
her way from Kobe to Nagasaki, came into
collision on the morning of December 7th,
1905, with the "Daisan Inuima-maru," which was
sunk with a cargo of coal. An action was also
brought against the owner of the steamer by the
"Imperial Marine Insurance Company" for dam-
ages amounting to Y80,000 for the cargo of the
"Daisan Inuima-maru," which was lost and
paid to the owner, and another action was also
brought against the owners of the "Babelburg"
by the owner of the coal loaded by the
"Daisan Inuima-maru" for damages, amount-
ing to Y3,990. The three cases were heard
together.

Mr. Fuganuma appeared for the Imperial
Marine Insurance Company, the owner of the
coal, and the Yasuda Shoji Kaisha, and Messrs.
Osaka and Kikisaki for the owners of the
"Babelburg." The proceedings were confined
to the claim of the owner of the coal. Mr.
Suganuma on behalf of the owner of the cargo
put in a supplementary statement of facts of
the case to show that the collision was not due
to the fault of the "Daisan Inuima-maru" and
the proceedings became somewhat complicated.
The Court therefore ordered both parties
to put in written statements clearly defining
the facts and the questions at issue of the case,
and the proceedings were adjourned until
January 17th next.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Colombo Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,700, K. Homma,
20th Dec.—Moji 11th Dec., Matches, &c.
—N. V. K.

Clara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J. Iversen, 20th
Dec.—Haiphong 18th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,023, O. Cornelissen,
20th Dec.—Swatow 19th Dec., Rice.—N. Y. K.

Kikigawa, Br. s.s., 1,227, Miller, 20th Dec.—
Canton 20th Dec., Coal.—B. & S.

Wilmington, Am. gunboat, 1,307, G. W.
Rogers, 20th Dec.—Manila 17th Dec.

Caravanishire, Br. s.s., 4,244, G. W. Jackson,
20th Dec.—London via Penang and
Singapore 4th Nov., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Cheongchow, Br. s.s., 1,213, Harrison, 20th
Dec.—Penang and Singapore 13th Dec.,
Gen.—Joo Teck Seng.

Holstein, Ger. s.s., 1,103, A. Niejahr, 20th
Dec.—Haiphong 16th Dec., and Hoilow
19th, Rice and Pig.—J. & Co.

Alain, Fr. s.s., 1,177, L. Andersen, 21st Dec.—
Pakhoi 18th Dec., Gen.—A. R. M.

Tydeus, Br. s.s., 4,799, D. P. Campbell, 21st
Dec.—Europe via Singapore 15th Dec.,
Gen.—B. & S.

Kwellin, Br. s.s., 1,072, Harde, 21st Dec.—
Canton 20th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Yushue, Ch. s.s., 1,075, J. H. Pratt, 21st Dec.—
Canton 20th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, G. S. Weigall, 21st
Dec.—Canton 20th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Inga, Nor. s.s., 578, Spinnange, 21st Dec.—
Canton 20th Dec., Coal.—A. K. & Co.

Teau, Br. s.s., 1,346, Somerville, 21st Dec.—
Manila 18th Dec., Ballast.—H. & S.

Borneo, Br. s.s., 2,944, G. W. Gordon, 21st
Dec.—London 10th Nov., and Singapore
15th Dec., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,310, J. Williamson, 21st
Dec.—Salmon 16th Dec., Rice, Meal and
Gen.—Chinese.

Chunshang, Br. s.s., 1,417, R. Cox, 21st Dec.—
Sourabaya 10th Dec., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.

Oriel, Br. s.s., 1,106, Madrell, 20th Dec.—
Moji 14th Dec., Coal.—B. & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Colombo Maru, for Singapore.

Michael Jensen, for Kwong-chow-wan.

Wick, for Ocean Island.

Hongwan, for Amoy.

Borneo, for Yokohama.

Glenlogie, for Amoy.

Shanghai, for Ningpo.

Zafre, for Manila.

Canton Maru, for Moji.

Seydlitz, for Yokohama.

Verona, for Singapore.

Quarta, for Swatow.

Fido, for Singapore.

Frigger, for Canton.

Klangching, for Canton.

Ningpo, for Canton.

Suez, for Canton.

Zafre, for Manila.

Canton Maru, for Moji.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Hailan*, from Pakhoi—116 Chinese.

Per *Tam*, from Manila—Mr. and Mrs. Ram-
dale and servant, Mrs. Mender and infant.

Surgen, Burr, Elyward, McCaughlin, Beach,
Baxter and Ponce.

Per *Borneo*, for Hongkong from London—
Messrs F. F. Codrington, E. A. M. Sanders, A.
Schock, E. A. Pearson, A. M. Henderson and
C. D. Thomson. From Penang—Dr. L. T.
Wyndham. From Singapore—Mr. E. W. H.
Carpenter. From London for Manila—Mr. F. C.
Campbell. For Shanghai—Messrs F.
Richardson, D. Gubay, Mrs. Pratt, Messrs T.
H. Harnley, L. B. Christensen, J. Oldham,
A. R. Gonbrick, Mrs. B. C. Dickenson and
Rev. F. S. Deane. For Kobe—Mr. and Mrs. A.
H. Hansell. For Yokohama—Misses
Douglas, Crabtree, Lieut. A. Simons, and Mr.
T. A. Leveck.

Per *Chunshang*, from Sourabaya—Mr. J.
Hampson.

Per *Telemachus*, from Saigon—Mr. Auger,
and 236 Chinese.

Passengers departed.

Per *Empress of Japan*, for Shanghai, &c.—
Capt. Casserly, Mr. and Mrs. Norman F.
Blanch, Messrs W. E. Robertson, H. R. Mac-
culay, Sidney Moutrie, F. Jones, S. H. Ellis,
E. C. Fread, Capt. Carpenter, Messrs C. C.
Scott, Kell, Chamberlain, Capt. Davidson, and
Mr. Schreiner.

Per *Seydlitz*, for Shanghai—Mrs. Barclay
and daughter, Mrs. Bagley, Sister M. Schuster,
Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Valasco, Messrs R.
Fischer, T. T. Smith, T. Eggert and Moya.

For Nagasaki—Messrs Matsuo and Yamashita.
For Kobe—Messrs. Chong, Shu, Chen, and
Chan Ah Pla. For Yokohama—Vr. and Mrs.
E. E. Bennett, Messrs T. Guthrie, Sung Kam
and Low Ying Ling.

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Tam* from Manila—Moderate monsoon
fine and clear; moderate sea.

Str. *Telemachus* from Saigon—Light NE.
winds and fine weather throughout.

Str. *Chunshang* from Sourabaya—Fine clear
weather in China Sea, strong to moderate NE.
monsoon with rather rough sea.

Vessels in Port.

Steamers.

Amoy, Ger. s.s., 665, H. Plambeck, 14th Dec.—
Amoy 13th Dec., Ballast.—S. W. & Co.

Arratoon Apar, Br. s.s., 2,951, A. E. Gaudes,
19th Dec.—Calcutta via Penang and Sin-
gapore 13th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 990, La Bal, 20th Nov.—
Saigon 24th Nov., Rice.—Man Fat.

Cambodia, Ger. s.s., 5,570, Th. Dablenberg,
11th Dec.—Singapore 1st Dec., Gen.—M. &
C. Co.

Chowfa, Ger. s.s., 1,035, J. Spiesen, 16th Dec.—
Anglia 6th Dec., Wood and Rice.—B. & S.

Elizabeth Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 997, W. Bism-
bush, 20th Dec.—Bangkok 13th Dec., Rice.
—B. & S.

Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,036, R. Archibald,
N.R., 16th Dec.—Vancouver, B.C., 27th
Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Mails and
Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, Wheeler, 14th Dec.—
Sourabaya 4th Dec., Sugar.—J. M. & Co.

Fri. Nor. s.s., 800, C. Wagle, 13th Dec.—
Bangkok 3rd Dec., Rice and Rose-wood.—
Agard, Thoresen & Co.

Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,139, K. Mori, 6th
Dec.—Moji 1st Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,000, H. Hilgel, 17th
Dec.—Sydney 1st Nov., Copra.—S. & Co.

Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,714, H. Lorenzen, 14th
Dec.—Bangkok 23rd Nov., Rice.—J. & Co.

Glenlogie, Br. s.s., 3,399, W. T. Larkins, 20th
Dec.—Singapore 14th Dec., Gen.—Seag-
tail Hong.

Hong Van, Br. s.s., 2,063, J. L. Slater, 20th
Dec.—Singapore 15th Dec., Gen.—Joo
Teck Seng.

Hunan, Br. s.s., 1,424, Puckett, 6th Dec.—
Tientsin 3rd Nov., Gen.—"B. & S."

Kansu, Br. s.s., 1,140, J. Speed, 20th Dec.—
Canton 19th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kasato Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,823, W. C. T. S.
Filmer, 18th Dec.—Karatsu (Japan) 14th
Dec., Sugar and Coffee.—T. K. K.

Kiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,418, S. Hirai, 13th
Dec.—Saigon 6th Dec., Rice.—Gilman &
S. W. & Co.

Korea, Am. s.s., 5,651, S. Sandberg, 19th Dec.—
San Francisco 10th N. V. and Shanghai
16th Dec., Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S.
Co.

Kumang, Br. s.s., 1,078, E. J. Buller, 16th
Dec.—Calcutta via Penang and Singapore
8th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lisa, Swed. s.s., 906, H. Hornblad, 16th Dec.—
Probolinggo (Java) 3rd Dec., Sugar.—
S. W. & Co.

Lookoo, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schultzen, 20th
Dec.—Bangkok 10th Dec., and Swatow
19th, Gen.—B. & S.

Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,237, F. Nattins, 21st Nov.—
Bangkok 9th Nov., Rice and Gen.—S. W. &
Co.

Masan Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, I. Sakurai, 19th
Dec.—Tamil 16th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Mercedes, Br. s.s., 2,900, J. S. McGregor, 1st
Nov.—Whitby 25th Oct., Govt. Stores.
—Admiralty.

Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 951, H. Bendixen,
17th Dec.—Hoilow 16th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Monteagle, Br. s.s., 3,953, S. Robinson, 14th
Sept.—Vancouver 20th Aug., and Bang-
kai 11th Sept., Flour, Lead and Gen.—G.
P. R. Co.

Neptunus, Ger. s.s., 4,018, E. Corral, 19th
Dec.—Manila 16th Dec., Ballast.—Barrel-
to & Co.

Newby Hall, Fr. s.s., 2,840, A. Buck, 3rd Dec.—
New York 12th Oct., Case Oil.—Order.

Nicomede, Ger. s.s., 2,503, P. Wagemann,
9th Dec.—Portland, Or. 30th Oct., Flour.
—P. & A. S. Co.

Nisin Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,214, 5th Dec.—
Swatow 1st Dec., Ballast.—M. B. K.

N. de Rosario, Am. s.s., 915, M. Lopez,
Blanco, 12th Jan.—Manila 9th June,
Ballast.—Barretto & Co.

Phanang, Ger. s.s., 1,021, F. V. Mangelsdorff,
15th Dec.—Bangkok 3rd Nov., Rice.—M.
& Co.

Pitaneulok, Ger. s.s., 1,267, D. Reimers, 20th
Dec.—Bangkok 11th Dec., Rice.—B. & S.

Sandakan, Ger. s.s., 1,110, G. Weendig, 17th
Dec.—Sydney 23rd Nov., and Manila 14th
Dec., Gen.—M. & Co.

Satogawa, Am. s.s., 428, Viteria, 7th Sept.—
Manila 4th Sept., Ballast.—Order.

Sexta, Ger. s.s., 922, H. Krasch, 10th Dec.—
Saigon 3rd Dec., Rice.—S. & Co.

Shahjehan, Br. s.s., 1,096, J. H. Scott, 6th
Dec.—Saigon 1st Dec., Rice, &c.—Wo
Fat Shing.

Sicilia, Br. s.s., 4,174, G. H. E. Weston, 13th
Dec.—Southampton 3rd Nov., Ballast.—
P. & O. S. N. Co.

Spesia, Ger. s.s., 4,018, Malchow, 20th Dec.—
Hamburg via Penang and Singapore 14th
Dec., Gen.—H. A. L.

Stettin, Br. s.s., 1,100, Ferrell, 17th Dec.—
Fochow 13th Dec., Case Wood.—Order.

Talkosan Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,216, U. Nagatsu,
10th Dec.—Kuchino 14th Dec., Coal.—
M. B. K.

Tango Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,027, A. E. Mose, 16th
Dec.—Shanghai 13th Dec., Flour, Milk
and Gen.—Y. K. K.

Tatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,948, N. Yanagi, 14th
Dec.—Kobe 7th Dec., and Moji 9th
Dec., Matches and Gen.—Yoo Hing Tai.

Tishow, Br. s.s., 901, T. R. Kidd, 14th Dec.—
Saigon 8th Dec., Rice and Gen.—A. K. &
Co.

Totomi Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,244, A. Keith, 20th
Dec.—Singapore 11th Dec., Gen.—M. B. K.

Trigona, Dat. s.s., Powell, 20th Dec.—Tak-
12th Dec., Ballast.—A. K. & Co.

Victoria, Swed. s.s., 950, J. A. Hallberg, 14th
Dec.—Sourabaya and Samarang 30th
Nov., Sugar, Molasses and Gen.—Agard,
Thoresen & Co.

Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,720, N. Go,
19th Dec.—Moji 25th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Woodrich, Br. s.s., 1,845, A. Stoker, 13th Dec.—
Salica Cruz 8th Nov., Ballast.—C. C.
S. & Co.

Wyk, Ger. s.s., 3,845, H. Carstens, 10th Dec.—
Moji 5th Dec., Coal.—J. & Co.

Yangmoo, Korean s.s., 3,457, J. C. Lee, 13th
Dec.—Kuchino 14th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Yrums, Am. s.s., 450, H. Nelson, 16th Oct.—
Amoy 14th Oct., Ballast.—Yong Chang.

SAILING VESSELS.

Eksakoni, Br. ship, 1,670, W. McBurnie, 12th
Oct.—Manila 13th Sept., Ballast.—Order.

Prince George, bk. 475, R. R. Anderson,
18th Oct.—Manila 26th Sept., Old Iron.—
Order.

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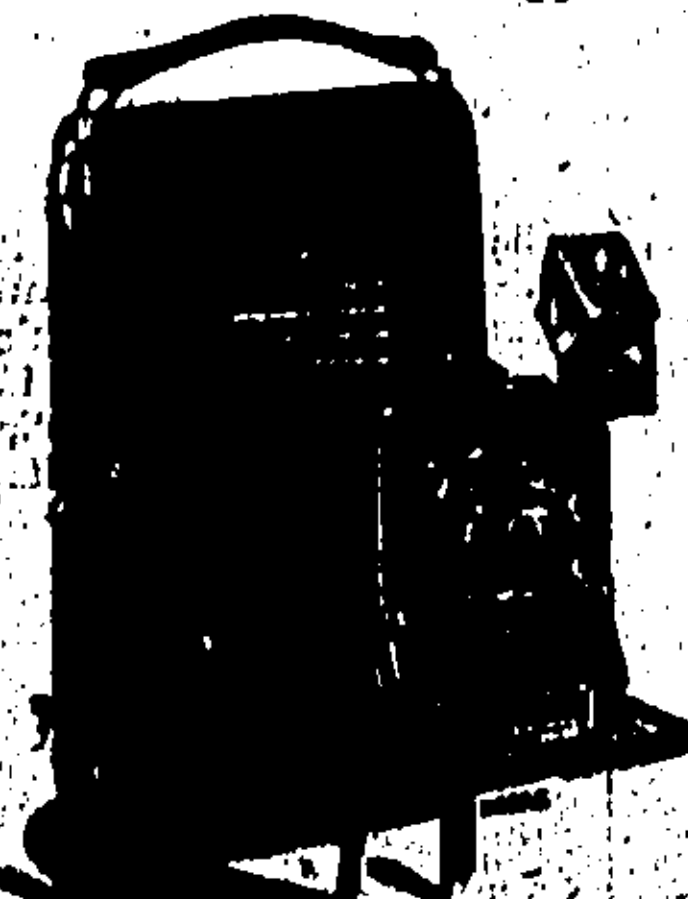
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BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,712,472	{ \$1.15 @ Ex. 3/4 = \$16.47 for first half- year 1906	5 1/2 %	{ \$8.25 sales London 1/4
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	\$74,099	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1905	5 1/2 %	\$47
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Union Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$233,638	\$20 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$297 1/2 sales
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 185,529	{ Final of 7/6 making 15/- for year ended 30.6.1906	6 %	Tls. 8 1/2 sales
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$2,792,271	Interim div. of \$30 for 1905	4 1/2 %	\$76 1/2
Yantai Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$508,334	\$12 and \$3 special dividend for 1904	8 1/2 %	\$160 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.							
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$344,648	\$6 for 1904	6 1/2 %	\$94 sales
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$222,618	\$25 for 1904	7 1/2 %	\$33 1/2 sales
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$6,563	\$1 1/2 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$31
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	70,000	\$50	\$50	Nil.	\$2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1906	6 1/2 %	\$38
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$5,464	\$1 for 1st half-year 1906	7 1/2 %	\$27
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£10	£2,412	10/- @ ex. 2 1/2 1/2 = \$3.60	5 %	\$95
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 23,156	{ Interim div. of Tls. 2 1/2 @ c 1906 Interim div. of Tls. 1 1/2 for 1905	6 1/2 %	Tls. 55 sales Tls. 50 buyers
Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$218	{ \$1.50 for year ending 30.6.1906 \$0.75	4 1/2 %	\$26 buyers \$17 1/2 buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 98,000	Interim div. of Tls. 2 account 1906	8 1/2 %	T. Tls. 47 1/2 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 81,200	Final of \$15 making \$25 for 1905	8 1/2 %	\$135 sales
SUGAR.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$132,388	\$1 for 1905	4 1/2 %	\$22
Union Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	Tls. 8,915	Tls. 4 (8 %) for year ended 30.6.1906	4 1/2 %	Tls. 80 sales
Bank Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	Tls. 8,915			
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$12,546	{ Final of 1/- (10/-) making 2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1906	7 %	Tls. 10.60 buyers
Central Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$8,745	{ Interim of 50 cents for account 1906 No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	11 %	G. 510 sales 18 sales
Sub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10				
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$8,915	\$2 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$22
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	40,000	\$50	\$50	\$20,040	\$2 1/2 for a/c 1906	6 1/2 %	\$94 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$392,087	\$6 for first half-year ending 30.6.1906	8 %	\$148
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$2,221	\$1 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$16
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 3,997	{ Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 8 for 1905 Interim div. of Tls. 8 for 1905	7 1/2 %	Tls. 104 sales Tls. 23 1/2 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 57,065	Tls. 18 for 1905	8 %	Tls. 225 buyers
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 30,000			
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	First year	10 %	Tls. 102
Star House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$3,000	\$2 for year ended 30.6.1906	13 1/2 %	\$30 sales
Central Stores, Limited	6,000	\$15	\$15	none	{ \$2.40 on \$12 for 1905 7 % on \$7 1/2 for 1905	13 1/2 %	\$18 buyers \$16 1/2 buyers \$300 buyers
Do. (new issue)	24,000	\$15	\$15	none			
Do. (Founders)	123	\$15	\$15	\$648,075	\$5 for first half-year for 1906	9 %	\$112 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$19,075	Interim div. of \$3 1/2 account 1906	6 1/2 %	\$105 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$250,000	Final of 6 % = 10 % for 1905	10 1/2 %	Tls. 15 sales
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 29,783	Final of \$6 making \$10	12 1/2 %	Tls. 80 sales
Hotel Metropole Company, Limited	2,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,699	80 cents for 1905	7 %	\$114 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,070	\$2 1/2 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$58 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	none			
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	19,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 869,491	Tls. 3 for half-year 1906	5 1/2 %	Tls. 97 buyers
Do. (new issue)	26,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	none	Interim div. of \$2 account 1906	8 %	Tls. 50 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	none			
COTTON MILLS.							
Iwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150,000	Tls. 10 for year ended 31.10.1906	10 1/2 %	Tls. 63 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	Tls. 45,939	\$1 1/2 for the year ending 31.7.06	9 1/2 %	\$13
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 150,000	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.6.1906 (8 %)	9 1/2 %	Tls. 63
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 8 for 1905	7 1/2 %	Tls. 95 buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 18,456	Tls. 25 for 1905	7 1/2 %	Tls. 335 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Anglo-German Brewery Company, Limited	4,000	\$100	\$100	none	\$7 for 1905	7 %	\$100 sales
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	£814	1/3 per share for 1905	8 1/2 %	\$7 sales
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	\$10	\$9,000	\$3 for 1905	9 1/2 %	\$32
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	none	\$3 for 1904	16 1/2 %	\$10
China Flour Mill Co., Limited	4,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 59,000	Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 10 for 1905	16 1/2 %	Tls. 60 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	none	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	6 1/2 %	\$10
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$8,000	80 cents for 1905	8 1/2 %	\$95 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$1,581	\$1.30 for year ending 31.7.1906	7 1/2 %	\$16
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$210,000	Int. div. of 75 cents for 1-year ended 30.6.06	10 %	\$101
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$186,000	\$2 1/2 for year ending 28.2.06	10 1/2 %	\$23 1/2 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	none	{ \$5 cents for 10 months ending 28.2.05 Int. div. of \$2.50 for 10 months ending 28.2.05	8 %	\$15 1/2
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ltd.	1,250	\$100	\$100	\$50,000	Int. div. of \$4 for 1-year ended 30.6.06	8 %	\$236
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$80,000	\$2 for 1905 on 5 shares	7 1/2 %	\$22
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$61,000	Final of 1/2 cents making 1/2 for the year	13 1/2 %	\$71
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,500	{ 4th interim div. of Tls. 7 1/2 making Tls. 30 so far a/c 1906	9 1/2 %	Tls. 233 1/2 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijl. Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 547,500	None		\$5 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	67,500	\$10	\$10	none	Interim dividend of (Tls. 3 1/2) account 1906	6 1/2 %	Tls. 170 sales Tls. 47 sales
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited (old)	10,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 105,000	Tls. 6 for 1904	13 %	Tls. 120 sales
Do. (new)	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45,000	Interim div. of Tls. 5 account 1906	11 %	Tls. 8 1/2 buyers
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd.	5,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 24,800	Interim div. of 15/- for 1-year 1906		Tls. 350 sales
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited	4,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 8,000	Interim div. of 5/- for 1-year 1906		Tls. 300 sales
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 25,000	None		\$21 buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	8,175	£20	£20	Tls. 190,000	None		Tls. 100 buyers
South China Moring Post, Limited	7,200	\$25	\$25	none	Interim of Tls. 4 for year 1905/6	7 1/2 %	\$9
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	none	{ 70 cents for year ended 31.1.1906 \$9.90	6 1/2 %	\$150
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	1,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,295	Interim of 40 cents making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	8 1/2 %	\$11.75 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited (Fouquier's)	9,000	\$10	\$10	\$25,000			\$8
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$300,000			
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,500			